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SUBJ: OAU STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

1. MAR 20 ETHIOPIAN HERALD CARRIED STATEMENT FROM OAU
SECRETARIAT ON INSTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR
ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. STATEMENT NOTED
THAT HEROS OF SHARPEVILLE WHO DARED FACE RACIST SOUTH
AFRICAN REGIME'S BRUTALITY AND ITS SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS
WERE OUT TO DEFY AND PROTEST OPENLY AGAINST INHUMAN PASS
LAWS WHICH WERE SUBJECTING THEM TO RESTRICTED AREAS, THUS
REDUCING THEM TO SITUATION OF INHUMANITY AND SLAVERY.

2. THE OAU NOTED THAT DESPITE CONDEMNATION OF ITS INHUMAN
POLICY BY ALL PEACE-LOVING NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA HAS SO FAR REFUSED
TO COME TO TERMS WITH REALITIES. RACIST REGIME REMAINS
DETERMINED TO CONTINUE EXERCISE OF ITS POLICY OF APAR-
THEID -- A POLICY LONG SICE RECOGNIZED AS CRIME AGAINST
HUMANITY. FURTHER, IN FUTILE ATTEMPT TO GIVE TERRI-
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TORIAL DIMENSION TO ITS ABMINABLE POLICY OF RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION AND WITH THE VIEW OF BRINGING APARTHEID
POLICY TO ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION, RACIST REGIME IS
PROCEEDING WITH ITS PLANS TO FRAGMENT UNITARY TERRITORY
OF SOUTH AFRICA AND HAS, IN DEFIANCE OF INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY, GRANTED SHAM INDEPENDENCE TO TRANSKEI.

3. SPOKESMAN NOTED RACIST REGIME CONTINUES TO ADOPT THIS DISGRACEFUL ATTITUDE OF DEFIANCE TOWARDS AFRICA AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND PERPETUATES ITS POLICY OF REPRESSION WITH COMPLICITY AND ACTIVE COLLABORATION OF CERTAIN WESTERN POWERS. RECENT BEHAVIOR OF UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN EXERCISE OF THEIR VETO POWERS TO THWART SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WHICH WAS MEANT TO RECTIFY INJUSTICES SUFFERED BY MAJORITY OF TERRITORY WERE CLEAR ENOUGH TO INDICATE THAT CONTINUATION OF APARTHEID POLICY, WHICH IN TURN GUARANTEED HANDSOME RETURNS FROM THEIR INVESTMENTS, HAD PRECEDENCE OVER HUMAN JUSTICE. FOR RACIST SOUTH AFRICA SUCH ACTS ON PART OF THESE WESTERN POWERS ARE CONSIDERED AS THE GRANT OF CERTIFICATES OF RESPECTABILITY AND AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO PURSUE ITS PRESENT POLICY. SOUTH AFRICA AND HER SUPPORTERS IN THE WESTERN WORLD SHOULD, HOWEVER, REMEMBER THAT BLOOD WHICH WAS SHED IN SHARPEVILLE SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO WAS NOT IN VAIN. THE SEEDS OF THOSE COURAGEOUS ACTS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR RESULTS IN SOWETO AND OTHER AREAS OF THE TERRITORY. OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA HAVE WAITED FOR LONG AND THEIR PATIENCE HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED. THE SPARK OF VIOLENCE WHICH WAS INITIATED IN SHARPEVILLE SHALL NOT BE SPENT UNTIL THE SUPREME PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM AND EQUALITY ARE ENSHRINED IN THE UNITARY STATE OF SOUTH AFRICA, THE OAU STATEMENT CONCLUDED.

4. PRESS ALSO CARRIED SUPPORTIVE ARTICLE WITH MAJOR THEMES BEING SOUTH AFRICA ARMED WITH APARTHEID NATO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUPPLIED WEAPONS AND BULLETS, WHITE FASCIST MINORITY REGIME PROPPED UP BY MULTINATIONAL MONOPOLIES AND MAIN NATO STATES, KISSINGER TALKS WITH VORSTER WERE IN VIOLATION OF UN AND OAU DECISIONS AND AIMED AT STRENGTHENING PRETORIA REGIME, AND THAT MEMBERS OF OAU, NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE EXHIBITED UNSTINTED FRATERNAL SUPPORT FOR ANC AND (SOUTH AFRICA) AND LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN SOUTH AFRICA. TIENKEN

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